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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7-9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,6,10 AND 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on 07 August 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shimazaki (U.S. patent 6,473,197)

Regarding claim 1, 5, 9 and 11 Shimazaki discloses: An image forming apparatus (note Figs. 1&3, item 12) for creating image forming data based on image data received from a host device (note Fig.2, item 10 the computer) and forming an image based on said corresponding image forming data (note Fig.14, column 6, lines 26-38, where the color scanner 50 reads the image which thereon becomes as corresponding image) comprising: calibration means (note editing apparatus 10, column 5, lines 41-54 and column 6, lines 38-47) for executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus (note

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again Fig. 1-3, column 5, lines 41-54 and column 6, lines 38-47) and control means for simultaneously at least creating said image forming data, if said calibration means is executing the calibration process when image data is received from said host device (note column 5, lines 41-54, also note column 8, lines 32-37, and column 12, line 60 through column 13, line 5).

Regarding claim 3 Shimazaki discloses: An image forming apparatus according to claim 1 or 2 wherein said image forming means is a color image forming apparatus for forming an image through an electrophotographic method (note column 10, lines 45-55).

Regarding claim 4 Shimazaki discloses: An image forming apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said image forming means is a color image forming apparatus for forming an image through an ink jet method (note column 7, lines 30-38).

Regarding claim 7 Shimazaki discloses: An image forming apparatus according to claim 5 or 6, wherein said image forming means is an image forming apparatus for forming an image through an electrophotographic method (note column 10, lines 45-55).

Regarding claim 8 Shimazaki discloses: An image forming apparatus according to claim 5 or 6, wherein said image forming means is a color image forming apparatus for forming an image through an ink jet method (note column 7, lines 30-38).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2, 6, 10 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Contact Information

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➤ Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Saeid Ebrahimi-Dehkordy* whose telephone number is (571) 272-7462.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams, can be reached at (571) 272-7471.

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